



**Senior Advisory Committee (SAC)
Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)**

**Minutes for the Joint Special Meeting
Assembly Hall, Pinehurst, North Carolina**

**Monday, June 15, 2026
3:00 p.m.**

Pinehurst Village Council Members

- Mayor Patrick Pizzella
- Mayor-Pro-Tem John Taylor
- Council Member Barb Ficklin
- Council Member Kevin Fitzpatrick

NAC Committee Members

- Gregg Johnson – *CCNC*
- Gloria Hannan – *Clarendon Gardens*
- Jennifer Tomilin – *Donald Ross*
- Carol Higgins – *Doral Woods*
- VACANT – *East Lake Pinehurst*
- VACANT – *East Midland Rd.*
- ABSENT - Jeff Heintz – *L. Pinehurst*
- Mac Chestnut – *Linden Rd. West*
- VACANT – *Monticello*
- Carolyn Jamison – *North L. Pinehurst*
- Greg Linville – *North Morganton Rd.*
- Martha Wicker – *Old Town East*
- Randy Gould – *Old Town West*
- Keith Eldridge – *Pinehurst No. 6*
- Kimberly Davis – *Pinehurst No. 7*
- Don Thrower – *Pinehurst South*
- Jim Rooney – *Pinehurst Trace*
- Joseph Shea – *Pinewild*
- Kevin McKinney – *Village Acres*
- VACANT – *West Lake Pinehurst*
- Bruce Geddes – *Extra Territorial Jurisdiction*

SAC Committee Members

- Kathy Beeman – *Safety & Security*
- Suzanne LaFollette-Black – *Chair, Demographics Working Group*
- Bill Grover- *Chair, Healthy Aging Working Group*
- Marti Harrigan – *Chair, Communications Working Group*
- Mike Pearce- *Demographics*
- Lisa Smith- *Communications* (absent)
- Patricia Smith - *Communications*
- Beth Walker – *Chair, Safety & Security Working Group*

The Neighborhood Advisory Committee and the Senior Advisory Committee held a Joint Special Meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, June 15, 2026, in Assembly Hall, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

1. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mayor Pizzella welcomed attendees and emphasized the importance of collaboration between the Village's advisory committees. He noted that both committees share a common commitment to strengthening community engagement, improving quality of life, and ensuring that Pinehurst remains an exceptional place to live for residents of all ages.

Councilmember Fitzpatrick provided an overview of the purpose of the meeting and described it as the beginning of an ongoing partnership between the Neighborhood Advisory Committee and the Senior Advisory Committee. He noted that the SAC was created to serve as a bridge between older residents and Village leadership and emphasized that aging well is not a problem to solve; it is a time of life to celebrate, a season of life to enhance, and a community responsibility we share together.

Mayor Pro-Tem Taylor made the important observation that while we live today's active retirement years it's easy to overlook the importance of planning for future needs.

2. Founding Principles of the Senior Advisory Committee

Suzanne LaFollette-Black provided an overview of the founding principles of the Senior Advisory Committee. She described the committee's mission to listen, advise, and advocate while serving as a conduit between Pinehurst's older residents and Village leadership.

3. What the SAC Hoped to Learn from the NAC

Marti Harrigan outlined the goals for the afternoon's discussion and invited NAC members to share their perspectives regarding the needs, concerns, and aspirations of older adults within their respective neighborhoods.

4. Opportunities for Collaboration

Beth Walker discussed opportunities for ongoing collaboration between the two committees, including communications, fraud prevention, emergency preparedness, fall prevention, social engagement, and age-friendly community initiatives.

5. Breakout Group Discussions

Attendees participated in breakout sessions organized around Healthy Aging, Safety and Security, Communications, and Demographics. Common themes included neighborhood connectivity, online fraud prevention, effective communication channels, health and wellness education, and data-driven planning.

6. Healthy Aging Breakout Summary – Dr. Bill Grover

Dr. Grover, serving as Chair of the Healthy Aging Working Group of the SAC, led breakout groups in discussions of senior health issues including fitness, sleep requirements, nutrition and personal safety. The breakout groups also discussed the hope that books and other materials on healthy aging can be provided at the Givens Memorial Library and Tufts archives as well as the Givens-Tufts bookstore.

7. Safety and Security Breakout Summary – Beth Walker

Justice Walker, serving as Chair of the Safety and Security Working Group of the SAC, led this breakout group. Much of the discussion focused on cyber-crime. As with all discussions with Senior groups, almost every participant has had a personal experience with this growing and pernicious criminal risk. While a robust discussion of online risk was anticipated, it was again noted that personal safety is an ongoing concern.

8. Demographics Breakout Summary – Suzanne LaFollette- Black

Ms. LaFollette-Black, serving as Chair of the Demographics Working Group of the SAC, led breakout discussions probing the question as to how we can collect accurate data on the needs and concerns of our Senior Community. Ongoing close collaboration between the NAC and the SAC is viewed as paramount. The opportunity to utilize the AARP Age Friendly Community Survey was discussed extensively. Based on feedback from the attendees, it's clear that the need to handle paper-based responses will be a critical success factor in our efforts.

9. Communications Breakout Summary – Marti Harrigan

Ms. Harrigan, serving as Chair of the Communications Working Group of the SAC, led these breakout groups. The discussions focused on the requirement that effective bi-directional communication between the senior population and the SAC will be a critical success factor. Discussions focused on the need to utilize person to person communications in addition to print and online channels. The NAC and the faith-based community will be critical allies in our efforts.

Recap and Next Steps

Discussion leaders summarized key observations and participants expressed strong support for continued collaboration between the NAC and SAC.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mayor Pizzella declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Fitzpatrick
Councilmember
Village of Pinehurst